

**SJR 358 (2003)**  
**Update of *Collection of Evidence-Based Treatments for Children***  
***and Adolescents with Mental Health Disorders***  
***Draft Recommendations***

**CONTINUATION OF STATEWIDE DISSEMINATION EFFORTS**Recommendation 1

By letter, request all agencies in the Secretariat of Health and Human Resources, the Secretariat of Public Safety and the Secretariat of Education, post the ***Collection, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*** to their respective web sites to cost-effectively and efficiently facilitate access to this information.

Recommendation 2

By letter, contact behavioral health providers as well as local juvenile justice officials to inform them of the ***Collection, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*** and how it may be accessed. Such contact will be via the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards and the State and Local Advisory Team, through the State Executive Council, and through the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Recommendation 3

By letter, request that the Children's Services System Transformation include on their website, and in any appropriate conferences and trainings, information on the ***Collection 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*** as well as how it may be accessed.

Recommendation 4

By letter, request that the Intensive Care Coordinator Network, through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Children's Services System Transformation, include information on the ***Collection, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*** and how it can be accessed.

Recommendation 5

By letter, request that the SJR 358 Advisory Group assist with the dissemination of the ***Collection, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition***, as well as how it can be accessed.

Recommendation 6

By letter, request that impacted provider associations, such as the Virginia Coalition of Private Provider Associations, the Virginia Medical Society, the Psychiatric Society of Virginia, the Virginia Academy of Pediatrics and other appropriate professional associations, inform their members of the ***Collection, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*** as well as how such information may be accessed.

Recommendation 7

By letter, request that family advocacy organizations and consumer groups, including the Virginia Federation of Families be informed of the ***Collection, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*** as well as how such information may be accessed so they may share it with their membership.

**ENCOURAGING THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENTS**Recommendation 8

By letter, request that the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Education, and the Department of Criminal Justice Services continue to encourage the use of proven practices for child and adolescent behavioral health and developmental services in the programming and development of any future projects.

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Recommendation 9

By letter, request the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Office of Comprehensive Services, and other impacted agencies, include information regarding proven practices for child and adolescent behavioral health and developmental services, including juvenile offenders, in any workforce development efforts, such as conferences or training, as applicable.

**SCHOOL-BASED DISSEMINATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENTS**Recommendation 10

By letter, request that the Department of Education inform school divisions of the ***Collection, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*** so that it may be utilized by guidance offices, school nurses, school-based health offices, school special education services and parent organizations.

**INCLUSION OF BEST PRACTICES IN UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE CURRICULA**Recommendation 11

By letter, contact each of the Commonwealth's post-graduate programs in psychology, psychiatry, social work and counseling and encourage them to utilize the ***Collection, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*** and provide course offerings which are consistent.

Recommendation 12

By letter, contact Virginia's State Council of Higher Education, the Virginia Community College System the Council of Southwestern Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to encourage the evaluation of existing course-offerings to ensure that they are in line with what is needed in the field and include information on proven practices in child and adolescent behavioral health and developmental services in all curricula, practicum's and internships.

**FUTURE BIENNIAL UPDATES**Recommendation 13

Include in the Commission's workplan for the ***Collection, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*** approaches which encourage the utilization of proven practices in child and adolescent behavioral health and developmental services and encourages the individualization of treatments based on the strengths and needs of the client.

Recommendation 14

Include in the Commission's workplan for the ***Collection, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*** discussion whether using proven practices in child and adolescent behavioral health and developmental services should be mandatory, evaluating the pros and cons of differential reimbursement and assessing instances when the Commonwealth reimburses for treatments that are not proven to be effective. All capacity and funding issues relating to these topics will also be addressed in this review.